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Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chaw Tung Shing, Esq.
H. Stolterfoth, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
St. C. Michaelsen, Esq.—Chairman.
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving—Deputy Chairman.
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Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....\$800,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 3 per cent. per
annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [10]

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be
held at the Office of the COMPANY, No. 16,
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on
SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at 12 o'clock NOON,
for the purpose of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1897. [1074]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

FINAL CALL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that
the FINAL CALL of TWO DOLLARS
(\$2 per Share) has been made and is PAYABLE
at the Company's Office, No. 17, Queen's Road
Central, on 1st August, 1897.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested when paying
the above-mentioned CALL to send to the Acting
Secretary their PROVISIONAL SHARE CERTI-
FICATES. These will be retained, and
FULLY-PAID-UP SCRIP will be issued in
lieu thereof in due course.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1897. [1075]

NOTICE.

A FULL-SIZE BILLIARD TABLE
Complete.

Apply to KITCHIE,
6, Cambridge St., Co.,
18, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1897. [1076]

KUHN & KOMOR
JAPANESE WINE AND CIGAROS.

21 & 22, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

35, WATER STREET, HONGKONG.

10, CHAMBERS STREET, KOWLOON.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [1077]

INSURANCES.

THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TYphoon Insurance.

THE above COMPANY are prepared to
ACCEPT RISKS on BUILDINGS
against LOSS or DAMAGE by TYphoon at
Moderate Rates.

For Particulars, apply to
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Acting Local Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
No. 2, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, 5th June, 1897. [1083]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....\$2,420,000
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....\$ 75,473

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company, we are prepared to accept
EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, and January, 1897. [1074]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1897. [1082]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000
EQUAL TO.....\$833,333.33
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOW TSO SHUM, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [1084]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
&c., Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1897. [1085]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1897. [1085]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(a)

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN	ARIZONA	W. D. Madie	Noon, 30th July...	Freight or Passage (Passing through the Inland Sea).
LONDON	Malacca	N. P. Pollock	About 5th Aug.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 24th July, 1897. [1075]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

NITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
PIONEERS OF THE ASBESTOS TRADE.

Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian, Colonial and Foreign
Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

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To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

Letters: Messrs. POLLARD & CHESTER.
TO-NIGHT TO-NIGHT
(THURSDAY), July 29th.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT

OF
POLLARD'S
LILLIPUTIAN OPERA
COMPANY.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
H.E. the Governor Sir Wm. ROBINSON, G.C.M.G.
H.E. Major-General BLACK, C.B.
Commodore HOLLAND, R.N.

TO-NIGHT & TO-MORROW, 29th and 30th.
R. Stape's Popular Comic Opera
"BOCCACCIO."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 31st.
Grand Matinee
"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

Children and Adults Half Price to all parts of
the house.

SATURDAY, July 31st.
"LA MASCOOTTE."

MONDAY, August 2nd.
"DOROTHY."

Musical Director Mr. W. ROBINSON,
Stage Manager Mr. HARRY HALL.
Plan now open at W. ROBINSON & Co's,
Music Warehouse.

PRICES \$3, \$2 & \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to
2nd and Back Seats only.

Late Trams will leave 15 minutes after each
Performance.

C. A. POLLARD,
Manager.

A. H. POLLARD,
Advance Representative,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1163]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BRAEMAR,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersigna-
ture, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [144]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"KASHING,"

Captain Hopkins, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1145]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"

Captain Galsworth, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1164]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TIENSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 2nd August, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1135]

SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA NANG,"

Captain Watton, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 3rd August, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1163]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
VIA KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading
issued for the principal Cities in the
UNITED STATES, CANADA and EUROPE, in
connection with the Great Northern Railway
and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KAGOSHIMA MARU."

Captain W. Thompson, will be despatched as
above on THURSDAY, the 5th August, at
Noon.

Consular invoices of Goods for the United States
should be in QUADRUPLETS, and one Copy
must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of
the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway,
Seattle, Wash.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1165]

To-day's
Advertisements.

NOTICE.

A VACANCY exists for a EUROPEAN
STOREKEEPER under the WAR
DEPARTMENT. Commencing Salary, \$120 a
Month. Applications, with satisfactory references,
to be addressed to the Officer Commanding
Army Service Corps, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1166]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS
1862 to 1890.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL
DIVIDEND in the LIQUIDATION of the
above named COMPANY is about to be
declared and that all Creditors who have not
already furnished Particulars of their DEBTS
or CLAIMS are required on or before the 31st
day of October, 1897, to send their Names and
addresses and the Particulars of their Debts or
Claims and the Names and Addresses of their
Solicitors, if any, to THOMAS ABERCROMBIE
WILTON, 10, Old Broad Street, in the City
of London, the Liquidator of the said Company,
and so required by Notice in writing from the
said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors to come
in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such
time and place as shall be specified in such
Notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded
from the benefit of any distribution made
before such debts are proved.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1897.

HOLLAMS SONS, COWARD
& HAWKLEY,

1169 Solicitors for the above named Liquidator.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR FOO HOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU."

Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 31st instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1167]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NINGPO,
CHINPO, NINGCHWANG,
TIENTHIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the
YANGTZEK.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Aguirre, will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 31st instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1897. [1168]

NOW READY!

COMMERCIAL and STATISTICAL
PAPERS.

No. 1 APRIL 1897.

Being reports of meetings of Companies and
Corporations for periods ending 31st December,
1896.

This pamphlet is published for the convenience
of the Commercial Community and is for sale.

PRICE \$1 PER COPY,

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"

No. 6 Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [761]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &

COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

POTASH WATER.

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LITHIA WATER.

SARSAPARILLA WATER.

TONIC WATER.

GINGER ALE.

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
greasy, or that appear to have been used for any
other purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again
by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1897.

Intimations.

SUPPLEMENTARY NAVAL VOTE.

LONDON, July 27th.

The Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, First Lord of
the Admiralty, in introducing a supplementary
Naval Estimate of £500,000 in the House of
Commons, said that the vote was intended to
meet the activity of other nations by accelerating
the present building programme and for com-
mencing the construction of four very fast
cruisers and a number of torpedo-boat-destroyers.

FIGHTING in CHITRAL.

The tribesmen have made a night attack on
the Malakka Camp in Chitral. Sharp fighting
occurred in which one officer was killed and
four were wounded.

THE SOUTH AFRICA COMMISSION.

Mr. Stanshope moved in the House of
Commons a motion of "regret" at the inconclusive
action and report of the South Africa Committee,
and of its failure to recommend specific steps
against Mr. Cecil Rhodes. He demanded that
Mr. Hawkesley should be summoned to appear
at the Bar of the House.

Mr. Chamberlain said that it was neither
intended to prosecute Mr. Rhodes nor to remove
his name from the list of Privy Councillors.

The motion was rejected by 304 to 77.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

All creditors of the New Oriental Bank
Corporation, in liquidation, should send in
their claims on or before the 31st October,
1897. If they don't, they will be excluded from
the benefit of any distribution made before such
claims are proved.

At the British Consular Court, Shanghai, on the
2nd instant, Richard H. Ryan, quartermaster of
the P. & O. steamer *Thames*, was charged with
causing the death of Chuang Fing, by pushing him into the river on the 16th inst. Mr.
H. Nelson (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master)
appeared for the prisoner, who pleaded not guilty.
He was committed for trial, bail \$500.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended
for insertion in this day's issue, not later than Three o'clock so as
to receive the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements intended for insertion in the
Newspaper will be accepted for insertion in the
Newspaper.

While the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always
be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions
of public interest, it must be distinctly understood that
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
opinions thus expressed.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

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only offence; the law now made it no longer lawful to keep open a gambling house. The offence derives its character from the nature of the gambling carried on and now all houses open to the public and so-called clubs are subject to the law if the games played in them afford unequal chances or if any one person has better chances than another. Each Inspector was specially charged with the repression of gambling in his own district. An Inspector is not at liberty, under the Regulations, to enter a gambling house nor to send informers in. His duty was to report to the Captain-Superintendent whenever he knew of a gambling house existing or when he had suspicion of a place. In the Central District the arrangement was slightly varied. It has a number of Inspectors, three or four, and they are first on general duty in the Central section. They have in addition some special duties in the subdivisions of the Central District. Each Inspector has one day of duty for the whole 24 hours, and next day he attends at the Police Court when the cases of the previous day are disposed of. On the third day his duty is to patrol the whole of the Central District keeping an eye generally on constables and others and seeing that they are attentive to their duties, and also to watch for any infractions of the law. The Central District had been divided into three or more sections for the special purpose of dealing with common gambling houses and the Inspectors attached to the Central are put in charge of each one of these sections, with the special duty of looking after common gambling houses and suppressing them. Inspector Witchell, since August last had been in charge of N. S. section, which extends from the Central Market to the Kowloon Theatre, to Queen's Road, and thence north to the Praya. Under the Police Ordinance there are two classes of regulations for the government of the Police. Under Section 10 of the Captain-Superintendent is empowered to make rules apart from them, but they cannot be enforced without the Governor's approval. He can, however, make departmental rules, regarding the internal economy of the force, that do not need approval. An order was published in the *Government Gazette*, of 24th September, 1897, to the effect that Inspectors were to report the existence or suspected existence of gambling houses to the Captain-Superintendent, but they were not to enter these places or search persons in. Witchell's duty, as an Inspector, apart from his general duties required him to report any gambling house of which he had knowledge or suspicion. The Governor and Captain-Superintendent had been under the impression, and they were fully justified in it, that common gambling houses had been entirely got rid of. Unfortunately that did not prove to be true, and in consequence of an entry made by the Captain-Superintendent of Police on 21st June last into a house in East Street, it was found to be the headquarters or office of a gambling syndicate and in the place were found a quantity of money and jewelry and an almost complete set of books showing the transactions of the syndicate from January 1st, 1896, up to the present. Further close investigations were made and the joy would be satisfied about the fact of two gambling houses having been established from the date named, one in Wah Lune and one in Chun Hing Street. They had carried on an extensive business with the greatest impunity and had only been closed two or three times in the whole year. It was difficult to say gambling was carried on in any particular house in those streets as they went from house to house but they knew broadly the particulars of the house in which this shifting business was centered. After the enquiries it became known to the Government that there was a very serious imputation of corruption amongst the police force generally, and that a considerable number of these superior subordinate officers of Police, European Inspectors, were habitually receiving bribes from the two houses and nearly the whole of the Chinese detective force were in the same position.

Mr. Robinson objected to the last statement.

His Lordship directed counsel to keep to the case before the court.

Mr. Francis said it was almost impossible to state the matter without making such reference, as it being fully relevant.

As a result of these discoveries a certain number of Chinese detectives disappeared, others were banished and a certain number of Inspectors were suspended from duty.

It became evident that the method adopted for the corruption of the police was one which rendered proof very difficult. Those receiving the bribes never brought themselves into contact with the persons paying the money passing through the hands of two other Chinese always.

The case against defendant was precisely in this position. Fortunately in this case, but not in the others, they had found the intermediaries through whose hands the money had passed. Counsel then narrated the facts of the prosecution as elicited at the Police Court, and he also indicated the evidence that would be given by Captain May, Cheng On, T. K. Koon, and Sam Ying. The three latter were under banishment orders but had made a clean breast of the matter on the Government's proposal to reconsider their cases. It might be urged that Chinese evidence was most unreliable and that these men were to be regarded with greater suspicion than ordinary, and it might be held that no European should be convicted on their evidence. It was the jury's duty to give defendant the benefit of every doubt, but they also owed a duty to themselves and the public. Some gambling might be moderate and harmless, but keeping open common gambling houses was a source of evil in a great commercial centre like this holding out many temptations to their servants and subordinates and it was the duty of the police to suppress it. The jury's duty was to assist in the enforcement of the law. Counsel then went on to describe how the Chinese witnesses were not allowed to communicate with each other and to know nothing of what was going on outside. The jury had to consider what weight they should give their evidence and see whether it was clear, straight-forward and well supported. If Chinese evidence was to be rejected it would be utterly impossible to carry out the administration of the law.

Mr. F. H. May, Captain-Superintendent of Police, gave evidence similar to that led at the hearing in the Police Court and published in our issue of the 17th instant.

Mr. Robinson objected to witness being questioned as to whether he received any complaints of gambling in Kwai Wa Lane, after his arrival here. He said that Mr. Francis had withdrawn the charge of neglect of duty at the Police Court and he objected to any reference to things which did not appear in the information.

Mr. Francis said he had not withdrawn any of the charges and as his learned friend was not present at the Police Court he had no right to make such a statement.

Mr. Robinson then said that he had a verbatim report of the proceedings at the Police Court. Mr. Francis then said "There is no charge of neglect of duty in the defendant's own district." He would call the reporter to prove the correctness of that statement. His objection to the question was that it was irrelevant. Mr. Francis in his opening speech never alluded to any houses or anything connected with the defendant's district.

His Lordship said that it had a bearing upon the case and overruled the objection.

Mr. May, during his evidence, said that after he had received information of gambling in

Kwai Wa Lane he informed Inspector Witchell about it.

Defendant (angrily) "That is a gross perjury. His Lordship informed the defendant that he was not allowed to make any remarks and if he wanted to say anything he should communicate with his lawyer."

When Mr. May alluded to the jewellry, money and books he se'd in the East Street house Mr. Robinson demanded that the books and papers be produced. They were already put in evidence and had to be produced.

Books produced and marked.

Mr. Robinson asked the indulgence of a Chinese clerk to be allowed to sit down at the table to look through the books so that he might be instructed as to the contents.

His Lordship allowed this.

The Court then adjourned till 2 p.m.

On resuming Mr. May continued his evidence. He said that in one of the documents there were the following entries: "No. 12, \$10, paid to Cheng On;" and "No. 12, \$1, paid to Cheng On; entered in current account." Cheng On and Tang Koon made statements to witness when he had consulted their legal advisers. The legal advisers of Cheng On were Messrs. D. A. and Hastings and that of Tang Koon was Mr. J. F. Rees. These two witnesses could not communicate with each other as they were kept in different cells.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson.—The defendant had been in the Police Force for 14 years. He was not aware of any marks against him during the 15 years. He was in the Police Court that Rule 73 of the Police Regulations did not apply to Inspectors and also that there were no orders concerning Inspectors. Defendant did not ask him the practice as to whether Inspectors were allowed to the gambling in other Inspector's districts. Each Inspector was responsible for his own district. Inspectors of one section had reported gambling in that of others.

As far as he was aware Cheng On made practically the same statement in Mr. Dennis and himself as he made before the Magistrate. He had heard that some gambling house watchmen even shirked and watched some of the Inspectors. Cheng On was arrested under a banishment warrant. Witness himself showed him the warrant. He heard Cheng On say at the Police Court that he did not see a warrant for his detention. He had not held out any inducements to Cheng On to turn Queen's evidence. When Cheng On was arrested he was told that if he said all that he knew about this matter the Government would consider his case. When Tang Koon was arrested the same thing took place.

After Sam Ying was convicted he was told that he made a full disclosure his case would also be considered by the Government if he desired any mitigation of the sentence.

Mr. Robinson asked that his cross-examination of this witness regarding the books be allowed to be reserved.

His Lordship agreed this.

The case was adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow. Ball as before was allowed.

HONGKONG IN 1896.

We received this afternoon a copy of a very interesting general review of the Colony's affairs, dated 23rd July, which his Excellency the Governor has forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with the Hongkong Blue-book for 1896. We give to-day a few extracts from the review and will complete the publication of the document to-morrow:—

FINANCES.

The revenue collected during the year shows an increase of \$123,650 over the revenue of the preceding year, the gross receipts amounting to \$2,669,878.92 as against \$2,546,228.81 collected during 1895. This very satisfactory result is, however, more than accounted for by the exceptionally large receipts derived from Land Sales, which realised \$170,882.92 or an increase of \$10,387.20 over the proceeds from the same source of revenue in the previous year.

Substantial increases are also shown under the following heads:—(a) Light Dues, \$6,998; (b) Fines, \$27,820; (c) Licences, \$5,000; (d) Stamps, \$9,472; (e) Rent of Government Property, &c., 77,175.

There is also a general increase under "Fees of Court or Office, &c." but it is chiefly accounted for by the transfer to the revenue side of items which were treated in 1895 as appropriations in aid of expenditure.

Against the above mentioned increases must be set the following noticeable decreases:—

(a) Profits on Subsidiary Colonies, \$8,242.42

(b) Other Miscellaneous Receipts, \$6,485, due to a fall off in the profits derived from the balances in the hands of the Crown Agents.

(c) Interest, \$1,916.

The total expenditure, chargeable to current revenue, amounted to \$2,474,017.37 as compared with \$2,371,773 or expended during 1895. This marked difference is mainly due to a decrease of \$58,331.07 in the expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary, the sum expended in 1895 on the Tsimshing Improvement Scheme amounting to \$831,261 as against only \$7,847 so expended during the year under review. There is also a saving on salaries of some \$11,000, and a decrease in the expenditure of the Post Office on account of Transit Charges amounting to \$5,059, giving with the addition of other minor decreases, a total decrease in expenditure of \$795,248.15 as compared with the year 1895.

TRADE.

From the above total decrease must be deducted a total increase of \$207,785.11, giving a net decrease of \$497,624.64 in the expenditure for 1896 in comparison with the preceding year.

I regret to state that from a local commercial point of view the year 1896 was somewhat disappointing. Trade was, generally speaking, unprofitable, and importers' character is, as one of the worst years they have experienced for some considerable time—a condition of things which is illustrated, to some extent, by the returns of the Imperial Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District, the statistics showing a decrease in the value of imports from Hongkong to China amounting to 424,035 Halkwan Taels or some \$22,722 as compared with the year 1895.

I learn on reliable authority that all classes of goods—yams, piece-goods, metals, and sun-dries—were imported on very limited scale, and sales were generally unsatisfactory, being confined, for the most part, to the supply of immediate wants. Shipping employed in Eastern waters shared correspondingly in the general depression, freight being very scarce, and rates unremunerative. The dulness in demand and general absence of all speculative enquiry are immediately ascribed to the after-effects of the China-Japan war, but reasons may possibly also be discovered, so far as the experience of British merchants is concerned, by the light of subsequent remarks and statistics illustrative of foreign competition.

The opium import for the year shows a decrease of 2,400 cwt, and importers have sustained losses owing to the unfavorable rate of exchange without a corresponding rise in the price of the Indian drug in the China market. The price of the Indian product has, however, necessarily risen sufficiently to give an impetus to the production of the native drug, and the

abundance of the Beaufort opium crop year after year and the diminished auction sales of the Indian Government, added to unfavourable exchange conditions, are factors affecting the price of the Indian drug to such an extent that, if such conditions continue, the native product must eventually entirely supplant the imported drug.

A noticeable feature of the year was the marked displacement of Indian cotton yarns by the Japanese product in the Chinese market, and although this fact may be in some measure accounted for by the unfavorable exchange which similarly affected the opium market, and by the closing of the Romby mills, which tends to further cut off the exports from India, there is every indication that the Japanese have taken full advantage of the situation, and there is little doubt, I fear, as to the ultimate result of the competition.

The main exception to the general dullness in demand during the year were the flour trade and the Kowloon Oil trade. The former business profits increase, and yielded very handsome

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Whilst the Praya Reclamation, upon which several fine buildings are in course of construction, and the rapid development of British Kowloon provide ample evidence of the general expansion of the Colony. Add to these the extensive works which have increased the water supply to some 400,000 gallons daily, the fine Central Market, Castle and Slaughter Docks, which have a most important bearing on the food supply of the Colony, the Tsimshing Improvement Scheme, the new sewerage works, and the general improvement of the outlying villages, and we have further illustrations of progress in the direction of sanitation.

In short, despite its darker records—and happily they are few—the history of Hongkong is summed up in the single word "Progress." If, in some measure, my administration has contributed to that result the pleasure derived from the retrospect will tend to mitigate the regret with which I regard my approaching departure from a Colony with whose interests I have for six years, without interruption, been identified.

I have the honour etc., etc.,

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
Governor.

EPIDEMIC AT AMOY.

A resident of Amoy writes us that the plague is committing great ravages both at port and further up country, while besides the plague, of which hundreds are dying daily, cholera or a kind of fever has broken out to which a great number of natives have succumbed in less than 24 hours from the time of their being attacked.

The European settlement on the island of Kuanlung is, however, quite free of the plague at present, the foreign Consuls and the community generally having taken measures to prevent the introduction of the disease by placing watchmen at the different landings.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the sixty-fourth report of the Court of Directors to the half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 14th proximate, at noon:—

GENERAL.—The Directors have now to

submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 30th June last.

The net profit for that period, including \$300,323.50, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$1,626,624.22.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of Reserve Fund, which will then stand at \$7,000,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$1,313,674.22, out of which the Directors recommend a dividend of one pound and five shillings sterling per share, which will absorb \$444,444.44.

The difference in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend is declared, and 1/12 the rate of the day, amounts to \$5,660.81.88.

The balance \$301,147.90 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Messrs. D. R. Sasoon, M. D. Ezekiel and A. McConachie having resigned their seats on leaving the colony, the following gentlemen have been invited to fill the vacancies thus created:—Messrs. David Gabbay, A. J. Raymond and Gerald Slade. The Directors have likewise invited Mr. G. D. Boning to join the Board. All these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson and Mr. C. S. Sharp.

ST. C. MICHAELSON,
Chairman.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG FREIGHT MARKET.

In their *Freight Circular* issued to-day Messrs. Lamke and Rogge report as follows:—

Comparatively little business has been transacted since the last report and the market is almost at a standstill. Rates are about at bed-rock with but little prospect of a change for the better, at least so far as the near future is concerned.

STEAM-FREIGHTS.—Some freight chartering has come to pass from Saigon to this port, but locally only one fixture is on record, a small carrier having accepted 9 cents per picul.

Several of the steamers under Chinese time charter have, however, been fixed at Saigon at even lower figures, 8 to 83 cents per picul, but these rates are so ruinously low that they can only be accepted by such steamers as have to work their way back to this port. From Saigon to Singapore a couple of charters have been drawn at 12 to 13 cents per picul, according to size, whilst for Java rates have experienced another sharp decline and after a settlement of 10 cents per picul for one port N. C. A. steamer has accepted as low as 18 cents per picul.

From Saigon for Phillipine or Japan ports business seems to be quite impracticable, even at low rates. Grain prices at Saigon are ruling too high, though there being apparently no necessity for it planters submit to concessioners business. It is likely to drag on weary for the remaining part of the season. Bangkok business remains absolutely lifeless and even the liners have to look for employment elsewhere.

From Takao to Yokohama a steamer has been taken up at 10 cents per picul and the season in this direction is now closed. Coal freight rates are still showing a downward tendency, a charter having been effected at a low rate of \$1.10 per ton, from Moi to this port.

For Singapore the rate has dropped to \$1 per ton and coal in Japan remains scarce and no improvement can be expected. There have been no fresh settlements from Newchow to this end as charterers' present ideas are below 20 cents per picul it will be difficult to make both ends meet. A small demand is existing from Java to this port, but at very low rates, viz., 17 cents per picul from one or two ports North Coast. A few time charters are on record, but the *Dictum* and *Frances*, are practically renewals, the options having been availed of at very much lower rates, the original price of *Dictum* having been \$4,500 per month and that of *Frances* \$5,500 per month.

The present condition of the freight market is a very poor one "all round" and the outlook, at least until October/November, is even worse, there being too many steamers open for employment, whilst just now we are at the dullest period of the year.

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